

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-45: (Cancelled)

46. (New) A method for manipulating a digital image, comprising:

- identifying an image associated with a user on a local client computer;
- defining a personal template that describes a specific configuration of one or more parameters that describe manipulations to be applied to the image, wherein the personal template is configured to describe manipulations to be applied to different images associated with the same user;
- sending the image from the local client computer to a remote server;
- storing the personal template in association with the image on the local client computer and the remote server;
- modifying one or more parameters in the personal template, by a computer processor in the local client computer or a remote processor in communication with the remote server, without manipulating the image itself; and
- synchronizing the personal templates on the local client computer and the remote server.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the one or more parameters include an identifier for the personal template.

48. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

- manipulating a proxy image that is a lower resolution version of the image in accordance to the one or more modified parameters in the personal template; and
- displaying the manipulated proxy image.

49. (New) The method of claim 46, where the step of synchronizing comprises:

- checking for conflicts between the personal templates stored on the local client computer and the remote server; and
- upon detecting a conflict, alerting the user to the conflict.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising:

receiving, from the user, a selection regarding adopting one of the personal templates stored on the local client computer and the remote sever; and

synchronizing the personal templates stored on the local client computer and the remote sever according to selection.

51. (New) The method of claim 49, further comprising storing two different states of the personal templates at each of the local client computer and the remote server, one state containing a different set of conflicting parameters.

52. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the one or more parameters describe a border to be applied around the image.

53. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the one or more parameters include annotation to be inserted in the image.

54. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

capturing a history of states of the one or more parameters; and

selecting one of the history of states without traversing back through each intermediary state in the history.

55. (New) A method for manipulating a digital image, comprising:

identifying an image on a local client computer;

defining one or more parameters that describe manipulations to be applied to the image, wherein the one or more parameters include annotation to be inserted in the image;

sending the image from the local client computer to a remote server;

storing the one or more parameters in association with the image on the local client computer and the remote server;

modifying the one or more parameters, by a computer processor in the local client computer or a remote processor in communication with the remote server, without inserting the annotation in the image itself; and

synchronizing the one or more parameters on the local client computer and the remote server.

56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the local client computer is selected from the group consisting of a portable digital assistant, a portable computer, a kiosk, a digital camera, and a docking station.

57. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the one or more parameters include print parameters for printing an image-based product incorporating the image.

58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the print parameters include print calibration parameters for the printer.

59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the print parameters include information to be printed on the back of an image print based on the image.

60. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising:

inserting the annotation to a proxy image that is a lower resolution version of the image; and

displaying the proxy image containing the annotation.

61. (New) The method of claim 55, where the step of synchronizing comprises:

checking for conflicts between the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote server; and

upon detecting a conflict, alerting a user to the conflict.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

receiving, from the user, a selection regarding adopting one set of the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever; and

synchronizing the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever according to selection.

63. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising storing two different states of the one or more parameters at each of the local client computer and the remote server, one state containing a different set of conflicting parameters.

64. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein the one or more parameters describe a border to be applied around the image.

65. (New) The method of claim 55, further comprising:

capturing a history of states of the one or more parameters; and
selecting one of the history of states without traversing back through each intermediary state in the history.

66. (New) A method for manipulating a digital image, comprising:

identifying an image on a local client computer;
defining one or more parameters that describe manipulations to be applied to the image, wherein the one or more parameters describe a border to be applied around the image;
sending the image from the local client computer to a remote server;
storing the one or more parameters in association with the image on the local client computer and the remote server;
modifying the one or more parameters, by a computer processor in the local client computer or a remote processor in communication with the remote server, without applying the border to the image itself; and
synchronizing the one or more parameters on the local client computer and the remote server.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include at least one of a border width, a style, or a color which defines the border.

68. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the local client computer is selected from the group consisting of a portable digital assistant, a portable computer, a kiosk, a digital camera, and a docking station.

69. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include information to be printed on the back of an image print based on the image.

70. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising:

applying the border to a proxy image that is a lower resolution version of the image;
and
displaying the proxy image having the border.

71. (New) The method of claim 66, where the step of synchronizing comprises:

checking for conflicts between the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote server; and
upon detecting a conflict, alerting a user to the conflict.

72. (New) The method of claim 71, further comprising:

receiving, from the user, a selection regarding adopting one set of the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever; and
synchronizing the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever according to selection.

73. (New) The method of claim 71, further comprising storing two different states of the one or more parameters at each of the local client computer and the remote server, one state containing a different set of conflicting parameters.

74. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the step of modifying one or more parameters includes capturing a state of the one or more parameters after the one or more parameters are modified.

75. (New) The method of claim 74, further comprising:

capturing a history of states of the one or more parameters; and
selecting one of the history of states without traversing back through each intermediary state in the history.

76. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include the state of the user interface.

77. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include image archival information.

78. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include at least one of rotation information or cropping information.

79. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include verification data.

80. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters constitute a personal template, wherein the personal template is configured to describe manipulations to be applied to different images associated with a same user.

81. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters include annotation to be inserted in the image.

82. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more parameters are modified by the computer processor in the local client computer when the local client computer is not in an open session with the remote server, the method further comprising:

after the one or more parameters are modified, opening a session between the local client computer and the remote server before the step of synchronizing the one or more parameters on the local client computer and the remote server.

83. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the local client computer is selected from the group consisting of a portable digital assistant, a portable computer, a kiosk, a digital camera, and a docking station.

84. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the local client computer and the remote server communicate at least partially through a wireless network connection.

85. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code functions embedded in said medium for causing a computer to:

- identify an image on a local client computer;
- define one or more parameters that describe manipulations to be applied to the image, wherein the one or more parameters describe a border to be applied around the image;
- send the image from the local client computer to a remote server;
- store the one or more parameters in association with the image on the local client computer and the remote server;
- modify the one or more parameters, by a computer processor in the local client computer or a remote processor in communication with the remote server, without applying the border to the image itself; and
- synchronize the one or more parameters on the local client computer and the remote server.

86. (New) The computer program product of claim 85, wherein the one or more parameters include at least one of a border width, a style, or a color which defines the border.

87. (New) The computer program product of claim 85, wherein the computer readable program code functions embedded in said medium is configured to cause a computer to:

- apply the border to a proxy image that is a lower resolution version of the image; and
- display the proxy image having the border.

88. (New) The computer program product of claim 85, wherein the computer readable program code functions embedded in said medium is configured to cause a computer to:

- check for conflicts between the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote server; and
- upon detecting a conflict, alert a user to the conflict.

89. (New) The computer program product of claim 88, wherein the computer readable program code functions embedded in said medium is configured to cause a computer to:

receive, from the user, a selection regarding adopting one set of the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever; and

synchronize the one or more parameters stored on the local client computer and the remote sever according to selection.

90. (New) The computer program product of claim 88, wherein the computer readable program code functions embedded in said medium is configured to cause a computer to:

store two different states of the one or more parameters at each of the local client computer and the remote server, one state containing a different set of conflicting parameters.